- (4) Transfer of Boat and License—It shall be lawful for the owner of any licensed shinnecock rake boat, whenever said owner shall sell and convey by bill of sale for a bona fide consideration such boat to any person who has been a resident of the County for which said boat is so licensed for at least one year, to transfer said license to said purchaser with said boat. Such license so transferred shall entitle the purchaser to the same privileges of taking or catching hard shell clams with shinnecock rake that the original owner had before such assignment; provided both seller and purchaser appear before the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries and make oath or affirmation to all facts, matters and things made in the application for such license and that the purchaser pay said Commission the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00), and said Commission shall certify on the license that such sum has been paid.
- (5) Size of Rake—The Commission of Tidewater Fisheries is hereby empowered to make rules and regulations and to modify the same, from time to time, to regulate the size of shinnecock rakes, or similar devices, used in taking hard shell clams.
- (6) Season—It shall be unlawful to take or catch clams by shinne-cock rake, or similar device, except from the fifteenth day of November in each year to the fifteenth day of March next succeeding, both dates inclusive.
- (7) Authority To Reserve Breeding Areas—The Commission of Tidewater Fisheries is authorized to close any portion of the natural hard shell clam beds and to prohibit the taking or catching of hard shell clams thereon by any means whenever in the judgment of the Commission it shall seem necessary to protect or promote the growth of hard shell clams on said natural beds.
- (8) Procedure of Closing an Area—Before closing any hard shell clam area the Department of Tidewater Fisheries shall first give notice by at least one advertisement in a newspaper of its intention to close said area. Said notice shall describe the area to be closed and the proposed date of closing, and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where such area is located. No area may be closed, however, until the lapse of forty-eight hours after the publication of said notice.
- (9) Reopening and Reclosing an Area—After closing an area the Department of Tidewater Fisheries is authorized to reopen said area whenever, in the judgment of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries, such reopening is advisable. An area shall be reopened by notice of such reopening published in the same newspaper or newspapers that published the notice or notices of closing; provided, however, no area shall be reopened until a lapse of forty-eight hours from the publication of the notice of reopening. The Commission of Tidewater Fisheries shall have authority to close immediately by oral or written notification to shinnecock rake clammers any area which has been reopened.
- (10) Taking or Catching Hard Shell Clams in Closed Areas—It shall be unlawful to take or catch hard shell clams with any device, upon any area which has been closed by rule or regulation of the Commission of Tidewater Fisheries.